

STATE BUDGET 2022–23 — COMMONWEALTH FUNDING

1238. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

- (1) What is the total projected revenue that WA will receive from the commonwealth across all revenue streams in each year of the 2022–23 budget and each forward estimate year?
- (2) How much of this funding reduces demands on the state's own expenditure?
- (3) How much of the commonwealth funding is contingent for concurrent state funding?
- (4) Of the total in (3), how much of the required funding is currently unbudgeted in the state budget for 2022–23?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Treasurer.

- (1) This information is published in the budget papers each year, including on page 80 of the 2022–23 budget paper No 3. To assist the honourable member, I seek leave to have the information incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Year	Total Commonwealth Grants to Western Australia (\$m)
2022–23	14,135
2023–24	14,777
2024–25	14,337
2025–26	14,446

- (2) Commonwealth funding does not reduce demands on the state's expenditure, but it is a major source of funding for the state's expenditure requirements. In 2022–23, it is estimated that 37 per cent of Western Australia's revenue will be provided by the commonwealth. This is the lowest proportion of funding from the commonwealth of any state, with commonwealth funding provided to other states averaging 48 per cent of revenue.
- (3) The majority of tied grants, which make approximately 50 per cent of total commonwealth grants to Western Australia, are contingent on concurrent state funding.
- (4) Nil.