Table A4: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments Direct to Local Government Authorities, 1997-98 - 2001-02 (\$'000)

Payment Title Description	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02			
DIRECT PAYMENTS - CURRENT								
Aged Care Services	38,863	43,951	49,238	54,303	59,370			
To assist in the provision of appropriate residential and community care services for the frail aged.								
Disability Services	1,470	1,500	1,537	1,576	1,615			
Payments to local government authorities in order to provide services for people with disabilities.								
Children's Services	156,165	165,931	178,771	189,978	202,855			
Funds are provided to ensure access to affordable quality child care in programmes administered by local governments on behalf of the Commonwealth.								
Training for Aboriginals Programme - Local Governments	718	480						
Provides funds to support the initial employment and training of indigenous Australians by local								
governments. Payments are administered under bilateral agreements and joint management arrangements.								
Local Government Development Program	1,981	4,917						
To develop local government's contribution to the social, cultural and economic well-being of the community,								
particularly in rural Australia.								
Wingello Fire Victims Appeal Fund	10							
Federal Government contribution to the 1998 Wingello Fire Victims Appeal established by the								
Wingecarribee Shire Council to assist the families of the fire fighting victims of the January 1998 bush fire in								
the NSW Southern Highlands.								
TOTAL CURRENT	199,207	216,779	229,546	245,857	263,840			

Table A4: Estimated Specific Purpose Payments Direct to Local Government Authorities (\$'000) - continued

Payment Title Description	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02				
DIRECT PAYMENTS - CAPITAL									
Aged Care Services	3,107	1,036	1,061	1,087	1,114				
To assist in the provision of appropriate residential and community care services for the frail aged.									
Children's Services	1,931	4,744	2,548	616	687				
For constructing community child care centres under Commonwealth/State National Child Care Strategies.									
Drainage Repair - Fairfield/Bankstown	700	1,967	1,967	1,967					
Grants to Fairfield and Bankstown Councils for repairs to Villawood drains.									
TOTAL CAPITAL	5,738	7,747	5,576	3,670	1,801				
TOTAL DIRECT PAYMENTS	204,945	224,526	235,122	249,528	265,641				