

Appendix A: Demographic spending projections

Commonwealth demographically-driven spending is projected based on the central scenario (Table A1).

Table A1: Projections of Commonwealth demographic spending (per cent of GDP)

	2001-02	2006-07	2011-12	2021-22	2031-32	2041-42
Medical Benefits Scheme	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.8
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.3	2.1	3.4
Hospital and health services	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6
Other (including Private Health Insurance Rebate)	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4
<i>Total health</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>8.1</i>
Residential care	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.4
Community care	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
<i>Total aged care</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.8</i>
Total health and aged care	4.7	4.8	5.1	6.2	7.9	9.9
Age and Service Pension	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.6	4.3	4.6
Disability Support Pension	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Parenting Payment (Single)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Unemployment allowances	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
Family Tax Benefit (Parts A and B)	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9
Total payments to individuals	6.8	6.3	6.2	6.8	7.2	7.4
Schools	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Higher education	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Vocational education and training	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Administration and other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total education	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Unfunded Government superannuation	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3
Total Commonwealth demographically driven spending	13.9	13.3	13.6	15.1	17.1	19.2

Source: Treasury projections.

