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The State of the WA Economy

The McGowan Labor Government is focused on creating jobs, repairing the State's finances and supporting the ongoing recovery in the Western Australian economy.

- Western Australia's economy continues to grow, with Gross State Product expected to increase by 2% in 2018-19.
- This is despite a deterioration in the global and national economic outlook. The IMF recently downgraded global growth forecasts, and household consumption and dwelling investment have been impacted nationally by tighter access to credit and falling house prices in response to the Banking Royal Commission.
- The McGowan Government has responded with its Keystart stimulus package to support home ownership and jobs in the construction sector and the lowest increases to household charges in 13 years.
- Growth in GSP is expected to accelerate to 3.5% in 2019-20, and 3% in 2020-21 onward, with further growth in exports and the domestic economy becoming the major driver of growth.
- A substantial lift in business investment is expected for the first time in seven years in 2019-20.
- This plus the McGowan Government's increased investment in METRONET and road projects are expected to support employment growth.
- A stronger labour market, increased population growth and improved consumer confidence are expected to underpin a lift in household consumption and dwelling investment.
- The continued growth of the WA economy in a challenging economic environment is a sign of our growing resilience and diversification, with the McGowan Government funding key areas to help continue to diversify our economy.

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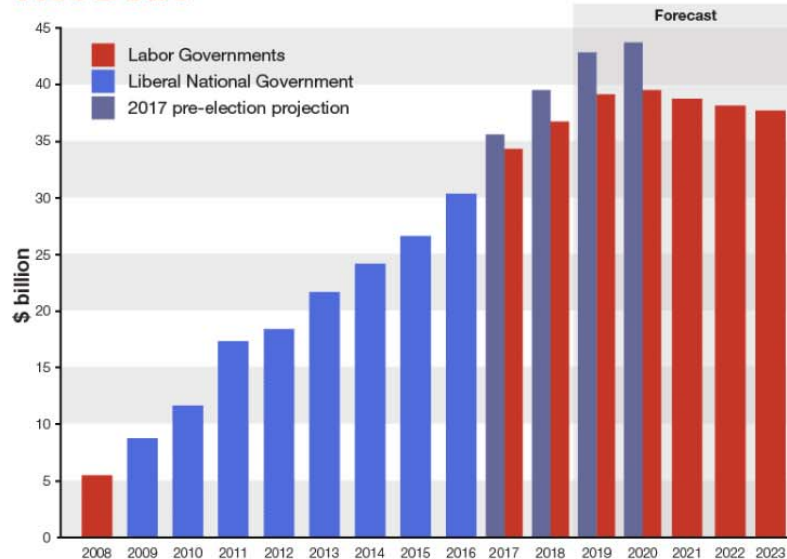
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Paying down the Liberal National debt mountain



Net Debt at June 30 - 2008 to 2023



Debt is \$4.1 billion lower at 30 June 2020 than projected under the previous Government

WA is the only State in Australia with debt on track to decrease from 2020-21

Debt reduction will result in \$508 million savings from reduced interest charges

State Finances at a Glance

The McGowan Labor Government has turned the State's finances around.

The McGowan Government's third Budget delivers a return to surplus in 2018-19, in just the second year of Government.

- Budget returns to general government operating surplus of \$553 million in 2018-19. WA's first surplus in five years, in just the second year of the McGowan Labor Government.
- Massive turnaround from \$2.5 billion deficit in the final year of the Liberal National Government.
- \$1.5 billion forecast surplus in 2019-20, rising to over \$2 billion from 2020-21 to 2022-23.
- Expense growth limited to just 1.3% per annum over the four years to 2022-23, compared to 6.4% average growth under the previous Government.
- Debt \$4.1 billion lower than projected under the previous Government by 2019-20, saving Western Australians \$508 million in wasted interest payments.
- WA is the only State forecasting net debt to decrease over the forward estimates period.
- Households to benefit from the Government's disciplined financial management, with the lowest increase in household fees and charges in 13 years.

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Putting Patients First

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Investing \$9.1 billion in WA's health service

Delivering \$942.1 million for mental health, alcohol and drug services in 2019-20

Investing \$41 million towards an end-of-life choices and palliative care package for WA

Health & Mental Health Snapshot

The McGowan Labor Government is putting patients first. We are delivering high quality patient care across the State, with a significant investment in health and mental health infrastructure and better, more innovative services with improved access for all.

The McGowan Government has been implementing its commitments to make navigating the health and mental health system easier. We're freeing up beds so more people can be treated and improving services that put patients first.

We continue to provide the best quality patient care, working closely with experts, health professionals and community service providers, to ensure health and mental health is given the attention it requires.

- \$9.1 billion health service investment in 2019-20.
- \$6 billion total health infrastructure program.
- An additional \$316.4 million to 2022-23 for core hospital and non-hospital services.
- \$942.1 million investment to mental health, alcohol and drug services in 2019-20.
- \$161 million to redevelop Joondalup Health Campus.
- \$93.8 million boost for mental health services in the public health system.
- An additional \$52 million for the Future Health Research and Innovation Fund.
- \$41 million towards an end-of-life choices and palliative care package across the State including an extra \$5 million towards a purpose-built 38-bed residential aged and palliative care facility in Carnarvon.
- \$42.5 million package for the co-ordinated and integrated Methamphetamine Action Plan.
- \$26.4 million towards implementation of the Sustainable Health Review and initial projects, including \$3.3 million to plan for a new women's hospital co-located at the QEII site in Nedlands.

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Transport & METRONET

The McGowan Labor Government is getting things done, delivering a record investment in METRONET to create a world-class public transport network, and road infrastructure projects in Perth and the regions, creating a pipeline of jobs throughout Western Australia.

Major METRONET projects are now underway, with construction set to start on three new METRONET projects in late-2019.

The State Budget includes a record \$4.2 billion to build new road infrastructure across the metropolitan area and regional WA, with 25 major job-creating projects included in this Budget.

- \$4.1 billion allocated to METRONET projects in total over the forward estimates.
- Six rail projects totalling 72km being planned or under construction.
- \$415 million allocated for a boom gate blitz on the Armadale Line.
- WA jobs maximised to build 246 new METRONET railcars.
- More than \$2 billion being spent on regional roads.
- 25 major road projects set to get underway soon.
- \$146 million investment in cycling infrastructure.

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- \$186 million to expand Casuarina prison including \$3.3 million for security system upgrades.
- \$900,000 to develop the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy and fulfil a key election commitment.
- \$6.5 million state-wide funding for the Aboriginal Community Connectors program to improve community safety and reduce community consequences of Alcohol and Other Drugs and related 'at risk' behaviours.
- \$11.3 million to support and expand sustainable service delivery of PCYCs across the State.
- \$30.9 million boost towards a suite of initiatives to tackle family and domestic violence.
- \$34.6 million to roll out personal mobile tablets to free up Police Officers for more time on the beat.
- \$15.4 million towards the roll-out of personal multi-threat body armour to frontline Police Officers.
- \$5.7 million for hostile vehicle protection measures at key stadia and venues.
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Protecting Our Environment

Access the Fact Sheet to discover the initiatives to protect our unique environment.

Plan for our Parks

More than \$22 million will be invested to create and manage national parks, marine parks and conservation reserves

Increasing WA's conservation estate by 20%

Includes the Abrolhos Islands, the Helena and Aurora Range and Ningaloo Coast

Environment

The State Budget includes important initiatives to protect Western Australia's unique natural environment while creating opportunities for jobs and tourism.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to reducing waste and has implemented key strategies including a ban on single-use plastic bags and a new Container Deposit Scheme which will improve recycling to reduce the significant impact on our environment.

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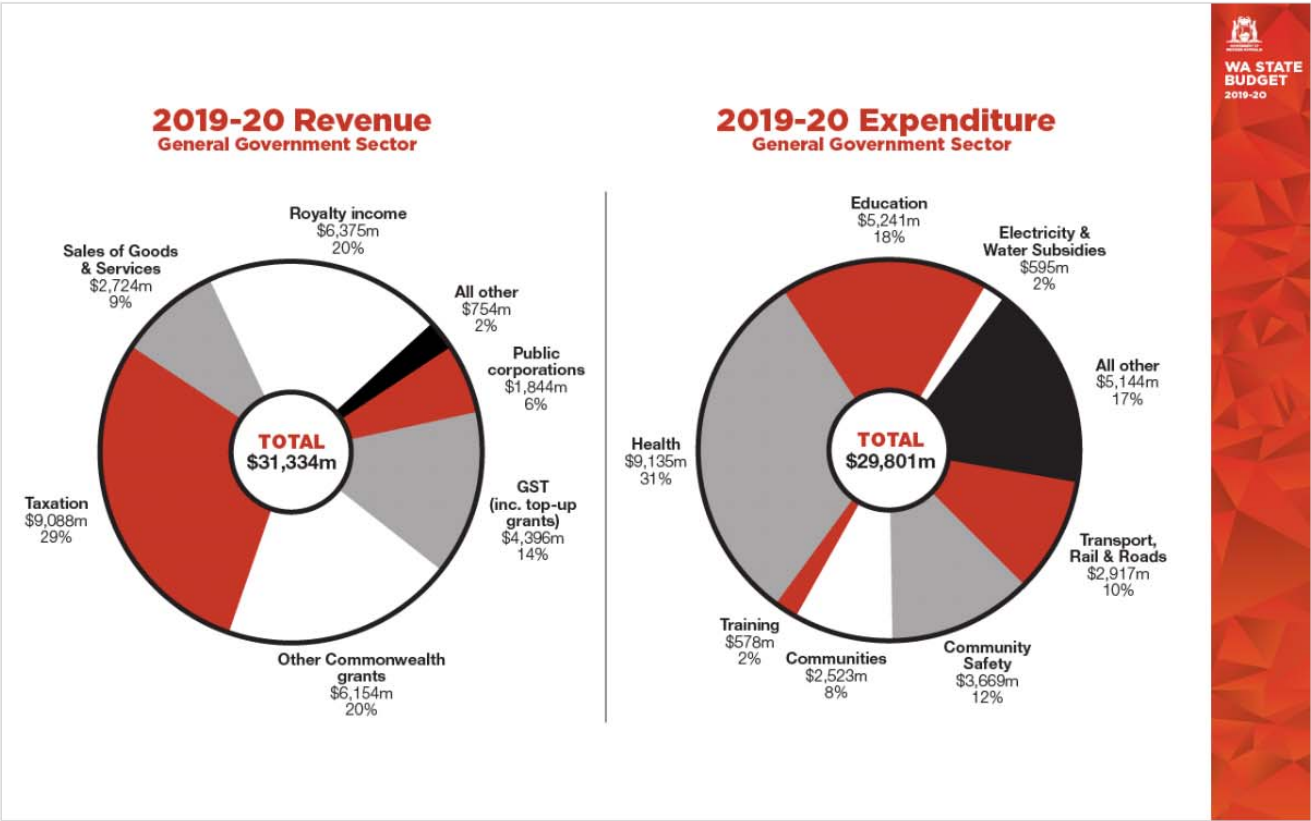
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Budget Overview

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Revenue & Expenditure at a Glance

The McGowan Labor Government has turned the State's finances around, with the Budget returning to surplus in 2018-19, in just its second year in office. The operating surplus is the first in five years and shows that the Government's plan to manage the finances is working.

Operating surpluses are forecast across the entire forward estimates period, including a \$1.5 billion surplus in 2019-20, and surpluses over \$2 billion until 2022-23. The surpluses are underpinned by the Government's disciplined control of general government expenses, which are projected to increase by just 1.5% in 2019-20, and by an average of 1.3% per annum over the forward estimates period.

- Revenue is estimated to total \$31.3 billion in 2019-20, with 66% generated directly by the State.
- GST revenue (including top up grants) and other Commonwealth grants represent 34% of the State's total revenue, the lowest proportion of any State.
- Expenses are forecast to total \$29.8 billion in 2019-20, with over two thirds of this budgeted for the key priority areas of health, education, community support and safety.
- The State is forecast to keep expenses lower than revenue in each year from 2018-19 onwards, creating operating surpluses in each year.
- Surpluses provide funds for new infrastructure and to pay down the high levels of debt inherited from the previous Liberal National Government.

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Investing in regional WA

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More than \$5.6 billion will be invested in regional infrastructure over the next four years

- Investing in **regional roads**
- Upgrading **regional hospitals**
- Supporting **regional education**
- Creating **local jobs**

WA JOBS

Regional

The McGowan Government is delivering its plan for regional WA with funding in the State Budget delivering vital, job-creating infrastructure while boosting health and community services.

The 2019-20 State Budget includes \$4.2 billion in Royalties for Regions funding across regional WA. More than \$5.6 billion will be invested in regional infrastructure over the next four years.

The McGowan Government is investing more than \$2 billion on regional roads over the next four years, creating new jobs across the State.

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Education Snapshot

The McGowan Labor Government has invested in schools and Western Australia, ensuring all students – regardless of where they live – receive a high quality education. The McGowan Government is focused on ensuring schools can better support the growing numbers of students in modern, first class facilities.

The 2019-20 State Budget includes a \$452.8 million investment to improve school infrastructure and create jobs for Western Australians.

An additional \$40 million has been allocated to students with disability in public schools to 2022-23 to help address learning needs of WA students. This brings the total amount of funding in 2019 for students with eligible disability to \$326.8 million.

- Total \$22.1 billion investment over four years in WA education.
- \$452.8 million in 2019-20 to build and improve WA schools to support the growth in our suburbs and ensure our students are learning in modern environments.
- \$152.8 million to build four new primary schools to open in 2020 and five new primary schools to open in 2021.
- \$77.4 million to redevelop secondary schools, across Perth.
- \$38.3 million of infrastructure works to commence at regional schools.
- Additional \$40 million allocated to students with disability in WA public schools through to 2022-23 to help address learning needs of students.
- Enrolment growth in WA public schools is projected to grow by 27,000 students over the four years from 2019 to 2023.
- \$3 million towards science labs for 51 primary schools across the State.

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