Data source(s) used

Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Direct source

Country representatives on the OECD Working Party 2: Tax Policy and Tax Statistics of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs.

Unit of measure used

Australian Dollar

Power code Millions

Variables collected

Direct taxes paid by public trading enterprises are excluded from receipts.

The figures for total tax revenue do not match the published totals in Taxation Revenue Australia. The latter is based on an accrual IMF GFS methodology and there are some differences between that and the OECD equivalent.

Heading 5213 includes radio and television licenses fees, though these are usually not regarded as a tax revenue in the OECD list.

Headings for non-wastable tax credits 1110 and 1210 include the private health insurance tax offset, family benefit, baby bonus tax offsets (paid during the 2003-04 budget year), film tax offset, and research and development tax offsets. The estimation of non-wastable credits into the expenditure and transfer components is in accordance with the OECD guidelines on the treatment and the data for this memorandum item has been provided by the Australian Taxation Office.

Other data characteristics

From 1998 taxes are recorded on an accrual basis; prior to that they were on a cash basis.

Other coverage

Data are on a fiscal year basis beginning 1st July.