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Office of Local Government – Answers to questions taken on notice

Inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services – 17 May 2024

Dr AMANDA COHN: Thanks, that was comprehensive. You've led well into my last question, which was going to be about own source income. I know that for metropolitan councils there are opportunities in renting out function spaces or meeting rooms in their libraries. I'm very lucky to have been deputy mayor of Albury council where we have an airport and a tip shared with other councils and those opportunities. You named Central Darling as one that has very little opportunity for own source income. Has any work been done to aggregate that information across the State? Is there any way that the Committee could access the various ways or the different examples of councils and their own source income?

BRETT WHITWORTH: We probably have more understanding of the data of how much own source revenue a council will have. We probably don't have the particular examples of how they generate that own source revenue. Mr D'Lima, have I got that right?

FRANCIS D'LIMA: Yes, pretty much. We could tell you how much of the revenue would be rates and how much of that would be charges but whether it's being used in a particular way, that is something on which there would be limits on what we could provide but total amounts and, at a higher level, the categories, yes.

Dr AMANDA COHN: Yes, thanks, that will be helpful. We will at some stage in this inquiry, I'm sure, hear from individual councils where we would have the opportunity to ask directly what those sources are.

Answer:

See attached document.

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Total income	25	3,249,313	9	1,250,030	37	2,998,788	40	602,625	15	75,498	9	1,761	135	8,178,015

Rates and Annual charges

Rates

Residential	25	1,668,453	9	713,937	37	1,364,463	40	152,867	15	8,476	0	-	126	3,908,196
Business	25	758,052	9	117,690	37	336,033	40	36,042	15	3,446	0	-	126	1,251,263
Farmland	5	1,039	9	9,927	36	103,621	40	165,021	15	35,930	0	-	105	315,538
Mining	0	-	3	4,122	15	29,406	17	23,085	2	656	0	-	37	57,269

Annual Charges

Domestic waste (restrictrcd f unds)	25	785,015	9	275,664	37	450,885	40	68,415	15	6,698	0	-	126	1,586,677
Water (restrictrcd f unds)	0	-	1	23,265	27	135,626	34	52,180	12	9,022	1	1,761	75	221,854
Sewerage (restrictrcd f unds)	0	-	2	73,890	28	503,869	37	89,962	15	9,307	0	-	82	677,028
Drainage (restrictrcd f unds)	1	1,541	1	18,823	2	2,137	3	406	1	172	0	-	8	23,079
Non domestic waste	4	5,343	5	6,182	30	56,746		12,200	12	1,720	0	-	51	82,191
Stormwater	21	29,870	5	6,530	26	16,002		1,916	2	71	0	-	54	54,389
Coastal Protection	0	-	0	-		-		-	0	-	0	-	-	-
Waste levy	0	-	0	-		-		531	0	-	0	-	-	531

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Total income	25	239,257	9	141,541	37	630,173	40	159,804	15	110,560	9	29,583	135	1,310,918
User fees and charges include (but not limited to)														
Water - restricted funds		N/A	1	61,439	27	309,123	35	77,608	12	7,689	2	28,780	77	484,639
Sewer - restricted funds		N/A	2	19,590	27	57,195	36	11,443	10	1,437			75	89,665
Waste - restricted funds	6	2,181	2	3,100	7	6,386	11	4,722	2	27			28	16,416
Private works	6	15,514	3	1,288	29	10,198	37	17,743	14	4,012	7	803	96	49,558
Parking Fees	10	40,838	2	731	7	15,647	0	-	0	-			19	57,216
Caravan parks	1	7,358	1	1,860	13	98,178	23	5,437	8	1,361			46	114,194
Leisure Centres	8	46,245	2	3,752	10	22,682	2	232	1	28			23	72,939
Child care	15	109,321	5	42,738	13	20,692	11	11,125	4	1,231			48	185,107
Aged Care	2	385	1	1,279	5	3,802	10	15,190	4	15,668			22	36,324
Cemeteries	3	3,504	6	4,161	34	18,935	39	5,610	14	866			96	33,076
Community centres	9	13,911	2	1,542	10	5,302	6	256	4	21			31	21,032
Aerodrome	0	-	1	61	22	48,804	19	2,039	5	92			47	50,996
Quarry	0	-	0	-	4	2,735	4	1,600	3	2,706			11	7,041
Saleyards	0	-	0	-	9	10,494	10	6,799	3	132			22	17,425

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Total income	25	452,679	9	298,996	37	1,071,042	40	692,163	15	233,108	9	9,925	135	2,757,913
Operating grants and contributions														
Financial Assistance Grant	25	186,925	9	114,542	37	442,223	40	328,071	15	102,210	0	-	126	1,173,971

Other operating grants:

Water Supplies	0	-	0	-	10	3,294	17	1,740	3	144	2	587	32	5,765
Sewerage Services	0	-	0	-	8	2,515	4	59	1	24	0	-	13	2,598
Environmental Programs	18	8,075	5	8,440	19	9,040	17	2,873	5	2,022	0	-	64	30,450
Recreation and Culture	18	13,596	5	4,428	21	7,948	26	5,004	10	959	0	-	80	31,935
Storm/Flood Damage	3	5,367	2	17,742	13	98,562	17	70,881	8	24,275	0	-	43	216,827
Transport for NSW	15	50,088	6	8,173	30	45,998	34	58,817	15	22,732	0	-	100	185,808
Roads to Recovery	10	5,215	4	2,886	24	30,540	26	21,526	13	8,389	0	-	77	68,556
Community Care	13	8,118	5	11,037	17	22,304	17	14,434	6	1,292	0	-	58	57,185
Health and Safety	2	1,365	1	130	4	1,794	3	102	2	245	0	-	12	3,636
Other roads and bridges	16	25,788	8	63,460	29	126,416	34	111,305	12	44,884	0	-	99	371,853
NSW Rural Fire Service	3	1,677	2	544	8	5,885	9	1,773	4	717	1	997	27	11,593
Specific Purpose	25	146,465	9	67,480	37	273,031	40	75,578	15	25,215	7	8,341	133	596,110
Subdivision Dedication	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Non-cash Contributions	0	-	1	134	7	1,492	0	-	0	-	0	-	8	1,626

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Total income	25	397,280	9	381,090	37	1,243,678	40	547,256	15	99,327	9	5,682	135	2,674,313
Capital grants and contributions														
Water Supplies	0	-	0	-	17	47,685	25	39,185	8	15,309	3	5,505	53	107,684
Sewerage Services	0	-	0	-	16	10,529	12	4,318	4	909	0	-	32	15,756
Environmental Programs	10	1,569	3	710	8	4,225	4	269	1	7	0	-	26	6,780
Recreation and Culture	17	86,426	7	24,819	27	83,799	38	50,468	13	14,732	0	-	102	260,244
Storm/Flood Damage	1	1,962	2	3,427	4	16,350	5	10,726	0	-	0	-	12	32,465
Transport for NSW	11	31,526	4	1,995	15	27,142	22	23,222	8	2,884	0	-	60	86,769
Roads to Recovery	9	4,360	4	5,017	6	6,536	8	11,951	0	-	0	-	27	27,864
Community Care	3	832	0	-	7	1,891	3	3,641	2	92	0	-	15	6,456
Health and Safety	0	-	0	-	0	-	3	-	0	-	0	-	3	-
Other roads and bridges	17	78,287	7	48,964	34	375,367	38	257,225	14	38,046	0	-	110	797,889
NSW Rural Fire Service	1	2,219	2	4,000	7	2,803	9	1,911	2	506	0	-	21	11,439
Specific Purpose	22	146,006	8	146,658	37	320,802	39	124,654	14	25,480	1	177	121	763,777
Subdivision Dedication	1	16	2	43,056	20	214,142	2	6,632	0	-	0	-	25	263,846
Non-cash Contributions	8	44,077	5	102,444	26	132,407	16	13,054	3	1,362	0	-	58	293,344

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Total income	25	748,837	9	289,975	37	306,228	40	45,931	15	476	9	7,801	135	1,399,248
Developer Contributions														
Cash - Operating	3	1,352	5	4068	11	4322	12	5,533	1	253	0	-	32	15,528
Cash - Capital	25	487,309	9	193935	36	273225	32	26,774	4	223	4	7,801	110	989,267
Non-cash - Operating	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Non-cash- Capital	7	260,176	7	91972	9	28681	1	13,624	0	-	0	-	24	394,453

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Total income	25	198,161	9	77,941	37	193,014	40	50,006	15	10,340	9	3,257	135	532,719
Interest and Investment income														
Interest on overdue rates & charges	25	8,680	9	4,307	37	9,496	40	3,047	15	480	2	127	103	26,137
Interest on overdue user charges & fees	0	-	0	-	2	92	1	65	0	-	2	20	5	177
Interest on cash & investments:														
T-Corp	2	3,025	1	89	1	281	1	183	0	-	0	-	3	3,578
Other institutions	25	181,540	8	64,863	37	170,758	40	45,546	15	9,696	9	3,110	109	475,513
Interest & Investment Revenue:														
Interest & Dividends	1	1,896	0	-	4	952	5	132	1	7	0	-	10	2,987
Premiums recognised on Financial Instrument transactions	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Amortisation of discounts and premiums	1	347	0	-	2	271	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	618
Other	4	1,607	3	8,682	8	10,106	3	33	1	18	0	-	15	20,446
Sources of Income:														
Dividends related to investments through P&L & FVOCI	3	1,066	0	-	1	1,018	1	1,000	1	139	0	-	3	3,223
Finance income on the net investment in the lease	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Interest free loan from state government	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Interest free loan provided	0	-	0	-	3	40	0	-	0	-	0	-	3	40

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Total income	25	93,497	9	39,956	37	51,828	40	11,961	15	584	9	4	135	197,850
Other Income includes														
Reversal of Impairment losses	1	93	1	73	2	81	4	412	1	92	1	4	10	755
Reversal revaluation decrements	1	18,573	0	-	1	6,225	2	8,296	0	-	0	-	4	33,094
Fair value increments - investments	19	10,984	6	7,521	12	18,597	2	39	0	-	0	-	39	37,141
Fair value increments - Properties	12	25,273	5	32,362	11	21,445	5	1,256	0	-	0	-	33	80,336
Joint ventures	4	816	0	-	4	656	6	918	5	490	0	-	19	2,680
Other	3	37,758	0	-	4	4,824	8	1,060	1	2	0	-	16	43,644

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Total income	25	287,221	9	64,490	37	189,393	40	46,706	15	8,316	9	3,918	135	600,044
Other Revenue includes:														
Parking fines	21	110,238	5	6,313	21	11,821	4	162	0	-	0	-	51	128,534
Other fines	21	62,386	7	8,414	40	10,031	23	509	1	3	1	11	93	81,354
Recycling	10	4,990	4	1,077	12	6,098	14	2,636	5	188	0	-	45	14,989
Insurance claims	15	4,884	8	12,498	43	21,306	24	4,036	9	589	4	95	103	43,408
Commission/agency fees	9	678	3	938	36	1,937	24	2,273	12	909	0	-	84	6,735
Inventories	2	12,678	1	266	6	13,440	4	354	3	337	0	-	16	27,075
Legal fee recovery	20	4,674	7	1,429	13	4,391	11	477	2	6	0	-	53	10,977
State waste rebate	1	101	0	-	0	-	1	60	0	-	0	-	2	161
Diesel rebate	11	979	5	832	21	3,066	30	3,016	13	802	3	26	83	8,721
Over due rates charges	13	4,205	4	580	22	4,381	22	1,136	6	260	1	27	68	10,589
Other	25	81,408	9	32,143	37	112,922	40	32,047	15	5,222	8	3,759	134	267,501