Other revenue

Review outcomes

- No changes were made to the assessment.
 - Revenue will continue to be included in the residual 'other revenue' category if:
 - states are assessed to have the same per capita capacity to raise the revenue
 - either an assessment method could not be developed or reliable data could not be found to support an assessment, or
 - o a differential assessment would not be material.
 - Revenues in this category will continue to be assessed equal per capita.
- The Commission considered but did not change the following.
 - The assessment of gambling taxation revenues.
 - A lack of evidence on the propensities of different population groups to participate in different forms of gambling and the significance of state policy differences meant alternative assessment methods were not sufficiently reliable to support a differential assessment.

Introduction

- On 6 July 2024, the Commission published the <u>Draft Report</u> for the 2025 Methodology Review.
- The Draft Report included a detailed analysis and response to issues raised by states and territories (states) in their <u>submissions</u> on the Commission's <u>gambling taxation</u> <u>consultation paper</u> and <u>other revenue consultation paper</u>.
- 3 State submissions on the Draft Report can be viewed <u>here</u>.
- 4 This chapter includes:
 - an overview of the issues considered throughout the review
 - the Commission's response and decision on each issue.
- 5 A description of the assessment method can be found in the other revenue chapter of the *Commission's Assessment Methodology*.

Issues considered

State revenues to be included in the category

- The category is a residual category, comprising state revenues not assessed in other categories.
- 7 The Commission considered the criteria used to determine which revenues should be included in the category. It proposed to retain the 2020 Review approach and include a revenue if:
 - states are assessed to have the same per capita capacity to raise the revenue
 - either an assessment method could not be developed or reliable data could not be found to support an assessment, or
 - a differential assessment would not be material.

State views

8 All states supported using these criteria to determine the revenues to be classified to this category.

Commission response

9 There have been no developments that warrant a change to the 2020 Review criteria.

Commission decision

10 The Commission will continue to apply the 2020 Review criteria when determining the revenues to be included in the other revenue category.

Assessment of state revenues

11 The Commission proposed continuing to assess revenues in the category equal per capita.

State views

12 All states supported the equal per capita assessment.

Commission response

13 There have been no developments that warrant a change in the other revenue assessment method.

Commission decision

14 The Commission will continue to assess revenues in this category equal per capita.

Assessment of gambling taxation revenues

- The Commission considered different assessment methods for gambling taxation revenues. A lack of evidence on the propensities of different population groups to participate in different forms of gambling and the significance of state policy differences meant it considered none of the alternative assessment methods to be sufficiently reliable to support a differential assessment of state gambling taxation. A detailed analysis of the alternative assessment methods is in the Commission's gambling taxation consultation paper.
- The Commission proposed to continue to assess gambling taxation revenues equal per capita.

State views

- 17 Most states supported continuing the equal per capita assessment of gambling taxation revenues.
- Western Australia and South Australia suggested a mix of assessment approaches. Western Australia suggested assessing its capacity equal per capita and the other states' capacity using an activity-based approach (such as gambling turnover). South Australia suggested an equal per capita assessment for revenue from poker machines and casinos and an activity-based approach for other gambling taxation revenue.

Commission response

The Commission did not consider it appropriate to use different assessment methods for different states or for different forms of gambling. It noted that policy influences were not limited to one state but were widespread. The substitutability between different forms of gambling justified using the same assessment method for all forms.

Commission decision

The Commission will continue to include gambling taxation revenues in the other revenue category and assess the revenues equal per capita.

GST impacts of method changes

21 There are no method changes to this assessment.