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QUESTION

On page 18 of Budget Paper No 2, it shows that current and capital grants are decreasing from the 2021 year through to 2025. What is the reason for this and what areas will decrease?

ANSWER

The reduction in current grant revenue between 2021–22 and 2022–23 reflects the cessation of Commonwealth funding of \$273m for the provision of COVID 19 quarantine arrangements at the Northern Territory Centre for National Resilience for organised national repatriation of Australian program.

From 2022 to 2023, funding declines in line with ceasing Commonwealth funding agreements, including the Northern Territory remote Aboriginal investment. The variation in capital grants revenue over the budget cycle reflects the revised delivery of Commonwealth funded roads and housing projects in line with the expected works.

Revenue is required to be matched with capital spending in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.